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Councillors have more questions on transit

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors have more questions regarding transit after receiving a public transportation implementation plan from consulting firm IBI Group.

The county hired the firm in June of last year for \$50,000 to complete the plan after putting out a request for proposals earlier in the year, and received a presentation on its final version from consultants during a Jan. 23 council meeting.

Challenges facing the county when it comes to transportation are its aging population, a sparse population within a large geographic area, and dispersed travel patterns that are difficult to serve.

"Not surprising, but I want to really emphasize them," consultant Chris Prentice told councillors.

Prentice said an advantage of a demand-based system is that it can adapt and change based on the needs demonstrated by residents.

"It's able to better serve the varied travel needs of the community," he said.

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Whitewater Ontario looks for greater partnership

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Whitewater Ontario, which operates the Minden Wild Water Preserve, is seeking a greater partnership with the Township of Minden Hills, and the organization would like to be a bigger part of the community.

Township councillors heard a presentation from David Gillespie, president of Whitewater Ontario, during a Jan. 24 meeting.

"We seem to be a site that everybody appreciates ... but we are not very well integrat-

ed," Gillespie said of the preserve, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. "We'd like to move this from being a whitewater spot into more of a community site."

The preserve is located just outside Minden where Horseshoe Lake meets the Gull River, and hosts numerous whitewater paddling events each summer.

It was the host site of the whitewater events for the 2015 Toronto Pan Am Games, and in 2014, Minden Hills township made a \$100,000 contribution to the preserve, that money used for the purchase of a wire gate system, trail improvements, the construction of a walkway, relocation of rocks and hosting

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Dancing the Highland Fling

Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancer Sadie Evans-Fockler performs the Highland Fling at the annual Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Presented by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, the event drew 100 people. See more on page 2. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Transit talk deferred to budget

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Prentice said it was preferable for the county to start simple, judging the uptake on the system before devising anything too complex or employing new or expensive technologies.

“You want to walk before you run,” he said. “You want to make sure the service is used first, before you start adding to it.”

The recommended model for a transportation system in Haliburton County is a booked, shared ride service, where users would call or go online to book rides. The core service area identified by the firm would be the area in and around Haliburton Village and a large chunk of Minden Hills township – essentially the part of the county containing Minden, Carnarvon, West Guilford and Haliburton Village.

“They provide the best basis for getting good use of the system,” Prentice said.

Other options included service to Wilberforce and Dorset as well, and the preferred option previously identified by county council included some service to each of these locations. The estimated costing presented to councillors was for “Option D,” which included six-day-a-week service, with service 12 hours per day. A chart included in the implementation plan showed six hours a day allotted for service in the core area, three for service to Wilberforce, and three to Dorset. It is estimated there would be approximately 3,100 rides per year, or approximately 10 per operating day.

“That’s based on service in similar operations,” Prentice told councillors.

The recommended model would include the county contracting out the actual transportation and booking of rides to a private company, and the consulting firm’s estimate for that cost was \$60 per hour. It’s also recommended that the county hire a full-time staff person to assist with managing the system, handling promotion and community feedback, etc. Including those costs, as well as costs for a database, marketing and communications, it’s estimated the annual cost for running the system would total approximately \$295,000. Prentice told councillors the county could likely receive about \$125,000 per year in provincial gas tax funding to help offset the cost of the system, however that would need to be confirmed with the Ministry of Transportation. Also, to be eligible for provincial gas tax funding for transit, the county would have to commit to operating the system for a five-

year time period. Provincial gas tax transportation funding is not allotted for trials or pilot projects. Factoring in gas tax funding and other offsets such as anticipated user fares, the consulting firm estimates the cost for the county would be approximately \$140,000 per year. For 2019, were a system to be put in place in the fall, the estimated cost would be approximately \$80,000.

Should the cost charged by a contractor be \$70 per hour instead, the estimated cost that would fall to the county per year would increase to approximately \$160,000.

Councillors expressed some concerns and skepticism with the proposed plan.

“I can’t tell you how much I want this to work, but I still have problems with the logistics,” said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

As she has in the past, Moffatt noted that in order to use any transportation system, residents who live on private roads would have to first make it to pick-up points on public roads. Moffatt asked Prentice how the county was supposed to go about planning for that.

“That’s a very difficult answer to be honest about it,” Prentice said. “The fact of the matter is, you can’t start going down side roads and private driveways.”

Prentice said trying to provide that kind of service would at least double the cost estimates in the plan, and said it would be up to residents to get themselves to public roadways in order to be picked up.

Moffatt also posited that, in order for someone who had, say, a medical appointment at 10 a.m., it may require getting on the bus at 6:30 a.m., with other stops for other people along the way. She questioned how many people would actually use the system given that type of situation.

“Are we creating a problem by crippling ourselves at the front end?” Moffatt asked.

“That’s exactly why you need a county person to manage the service, to manage these requests,” Prentice said.

County planner Charley White said later in the meeting that theoretically, a company contracted by the county would have a fleet of vehicles, so it wouldn’t necessarily be a matter of always relying on a single vehicle.

“Don’t think of it as a bus that you’re going to have running around the county, think of it as time,” White said.

One assumption in the plan that seemed to raise the eyebrows of Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy

Mayor Pat Kennedy was the inclusion of the DYMO bus – an accessible shuttle owned by the Municipality of Dysart et al – in the county system, whether that be by purchase or donation of the vehicle.

Prentice said the model the firm was proposing would replace the service provided by the DYMO bus.

“It feels like this report is sort of depending on the bus that we own and operate,” Roberts said. “I think we need to take that back to our municipality.”

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin suggested that if a county-operated system was going to benefit entities such as Haliburton Highlands Health Services by transporting people reliant on the specialized transit services they provide, that there should be some chipping in on costs.

“If we start delivering people to them at a fraction of their rate . . . then those savings should accrue,” Devolin said. “But we shouldn’t have to carry the whole load.”

“There is a huge elephant in the room in that a large area of the county is not going to be served,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Daniels, referring to Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East, the county’s two least populated, more outlying townships.

Highlands East does receive some service through Bancroft Community Transit and Devolin said he’d like to see Bancroft council involved in the conversation.

Councillors seemed to agree that in committing to a system, the county would be committing to unknown costs, since the figures in the plan are just estimates and that only by putting a system in place, can the county truly gauge the level of usage.

“I see this as a huge decision for us to make,” Daniels said, adding it would be up against a number of other substantial items during the county’s upcoming budget considerations.

“If we go forward with this . . . those number charts are just guesstimates, big guesses,” Roberts said. “I think we need to acknowledge that the cost could be much greater than what was even presented to us today.”

“In theory, we’d be committing to an unknown,” said Moffatt.

Noting that they still had numerous questions – “I think we could talk about this for the rest of this day, and probably half of tomorrow,” Moffatt said – councillors decided they would submit questions to White for response. They will discuss the potential creation of a transportation system further during their budget deliberations.



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Piping in the haggis

Above, the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums perform, starting the annual Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Presented by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, the event drew 100 people, who watched and heard the pipe band perform, participated in the grand march, watched the Mansfield School of Highland Dance dancers, bore witness to the march and address of the haggis by Jim Thompson and feasted on the haggis and other Scottish staples. Also known as Burns Night, this event celebrates the life and poetry of Scottish poet, Robert Burns who lived from 1759 to 1796.

Left, daughter Billie MacDonald and mother Heather MacDonald of Minden perform the traditional sword dance. /DARREN LUM Staff

Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell presents firefighter Cody Withey, on left, and fire chief Mike Bekking with lightning bolt pins during a Jan. 24 meeting of Minden Hills council. Lightning bolt pins are awarded to first responders who successfully save the lives of patients who've lost their vital signs. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



MH firefighters help save a life

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Last week, two Minden Hills firefighters were honoured for assisting in saving a vital-signs-absent patient early in the new year.

Firefighter Cody Withey and fire chief Mike Bekking received lightning bolt pins during a Jan. 24 Minden Hills council meeting. Lightning bolt pins are awarded to first re-

sponders who are able to successfully resuscitate a patient with no vital signs.

As Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell explained, the firefighters responded to a medical call in the southern area of the township on Jan. 3.

"A vital-signs-absent patient was found, and together with the paramedics, a return of pulse and breathing was obtained within three minutes of patient contact," Schell said as she presented Withey and Bekking with the pins. "As a community, we should be proud of the work our firefighters perform, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

County council cost \$120K for 2018

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County council cost approximately \$119,400 to operate during 2018, that being the total of councillors' council and committee meeting per diems, mileage payments, and expenses such as accommodations, meals and fees while travelling for conferences, etc.

The upper-tier Haliburton County council consists of the mayors and deputy mayors of the county's four lower-tier municipalities.

Former Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch had total remuneration and expenses of just less than \$10,000, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt approximately \$12,300. Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and former Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey each had totals of approximately \$13,100, and Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts, now mayor, about \$13,500. Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin had a total of just more than \$14,500, Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danlielsen, who was deputy warden for 2018, had just more than \$15,900. Former Highlands East Deputy Mayor Suzanne Partridge, who was county warden for 2018, had a total of just more than \$26,800.

During a Jan. 23 meeting, councillors voted to increase remuneration for 2019 in order to offset tax changes imposed by the federal government, in order to keep their take-home amounts at the same level. In previous years, elected officials in the country paid tax on only two thirds of their income, a regulation that existed in order to help absorb some costs associated with the role, for which they could not officially charge. Changes to the Income Tax Act that come into effect this year, meaning elected officials will pay income tax on their full incomes, and many councils have chosen to increase remuneration in order to keep take-home pay levels the same. For Haliburton County, this increase will cost an additional \$7,000 for the year.

County councillors also receive remuneration from their lower-tier municipalities.

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Feb 14 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
Feb 14 - Budget Deliberations, 2nd Round
Feb 28 - Regular Council Meeting

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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of January, July, August and December.

NOTICE – 2019 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 2nd round of its 2019 Budget deliberations during its Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for February 14, 2019.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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We are looking for a name that captures the essence, culture, and heritage of this community we call home; whether that be a person, a place, or an event – we want to hear your stories that were made in Minden.

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Paddlers come down the Gull River at the Minden Wild Water Preserve during the Thanksgiving long weekend in 2016. The preserve is host to recreational and competitive kayaking, however Whitewater Ontario would like to build a stronger connection between the preserve and the Township of Minden Hills. / DARREN LUM File photo

Preserve celebrating 40th anniversary

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of the games. The site also includes a campground, public playground and a building with a commercial kitchen and meeting/dining room.

People come to the preserve not only to paddle, but to enjoy its scenic beauty, take photos, do plein air painting, etc.

"In our 40 years, we've had to do our best at estimating what the visitors are . . ." Gillespie told council, explaining that estimate is at least 10,000 visitors per year. "But we've never been able to figure out how much money that means to the community."

Whitewater Ontario is hoping the township will conduct an economic impact study on the preserve, "from which we would like to build a strategic plan for the next 10 years,"

Gillespie said.

Whitewater Ontario is also requesting a \$5,000 contribution from the township, partially to offset water release charges from Parks Canada, which operate the dam near the site, and partially for legacy signage on the township-owned side of the river.

"It's an exciting, singularly unique thing that you have in our community, and we're aware of that," said Mayor Brent Devolin, explaining the request would be deferred to council's budget discussions.

"The charges for the water, I'd like to understand a little bit more," Devolin said, adding that potential reduction of those charges could be something that local politicians could lobby upper levels of governments on.

MH has major trimming to do on its budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors have some work ahead of them, attempting to reduce the size of the tax levy increase in the first draft of the township's 2019 budget.

Council began the first round of its budget discussions during a Jan. 24 meeting, and the tax levy increase in the first draft was sitting at more than 17 per cent.

Mayor Brent Devolin, who noted that number would have to come way down, said the first round of budget talks was a bit of a wish list attempt for the township's department heads.

"The first round . . . in my mind, is akin to when I was a kid, and I put my Christmas list in to my parents or Santa," Devolin said. "It's all the things that department heads feel that we should do, ought to do . . . that are important. There isn't any expectation that they're going to get them all."

Devolin indicated the size of the tax levy increase in the first draft was too large, and would need to be reduced.

"Obviously, if you look at where the global number is, that's not happening," he said.

"There's probably \$700,000 that has to come out of the budget," Devolin told members of council, adding that even that amount may not be enough to get the tax increase down to a palatable level.

"We're going to have to make some tough decisions this year."

It is not uncommon for Minden Hills council to have three or four rounds of budget discussions before a final budget is passed. Last year, the tax increase in the township was 8.6 per cent.

The first round of budget talks was scheduled to continue during a Jan. 31 meeting.

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My friends . . .

PREMIER DOUG FORD took the stage at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto during the weekend, giving a 10-minute address during which he said a lot of the right things.

His talk kicked off with Ford's trusted brand of two-bit populism – he dismissed Toronto, where he is of course from, as “the bubble,” while referring to rural residents as “the real people,” most of whom he seems to believe are farmers or factory workers, and added that small communities are the “lifblood of Ontario.”

Rural Ontario was key to the PC party's sweeping victory in last spring's election, something Ford is obviously keenly aware of, and following his populist sing-song, he touched on a number of subjects that surely would have reverberated positively in a room of more than 1,000 rural, municipal politicians.

One was recognizing the huge burden that infrastructure represents for rural municipalities, municipalities that often must maintain fairly extensive roads networks serving a dispersed population in a large geographic area, on a limited budget.

Another was a pledge to extend natural gas to more of Ontario's smaller, more far-flung communities, something that would go over extremely well in a place such as Haliburton County.

A third was a promise to do something about joint and several liability, something municipal governments have been requesting for a long time, and about which the Wynne government did nothing.

Joint and several liability says that in a lawsuit where multiple defendants are named, if it's proven that some of the defendants can't afford to pay their damages, those damages can be transferred to a defendant who can afford to pay them. This is why townships are often named as defendants in lawsuits. Under joint and several liability, a township can end up paying 100 per cent of damages in a lawsuit, even if it is deemed

the township is only one per cent responsible for the incident.

“We intend to launch a consultation to gather the facts, and we will fix what needs fixing,” he told the room, adding he'd heard their concerns about liability, insurance costs, and the so-called “liability chill,” by which some activities such as tobogganing and road hockey have been prohibited in some municipalities.

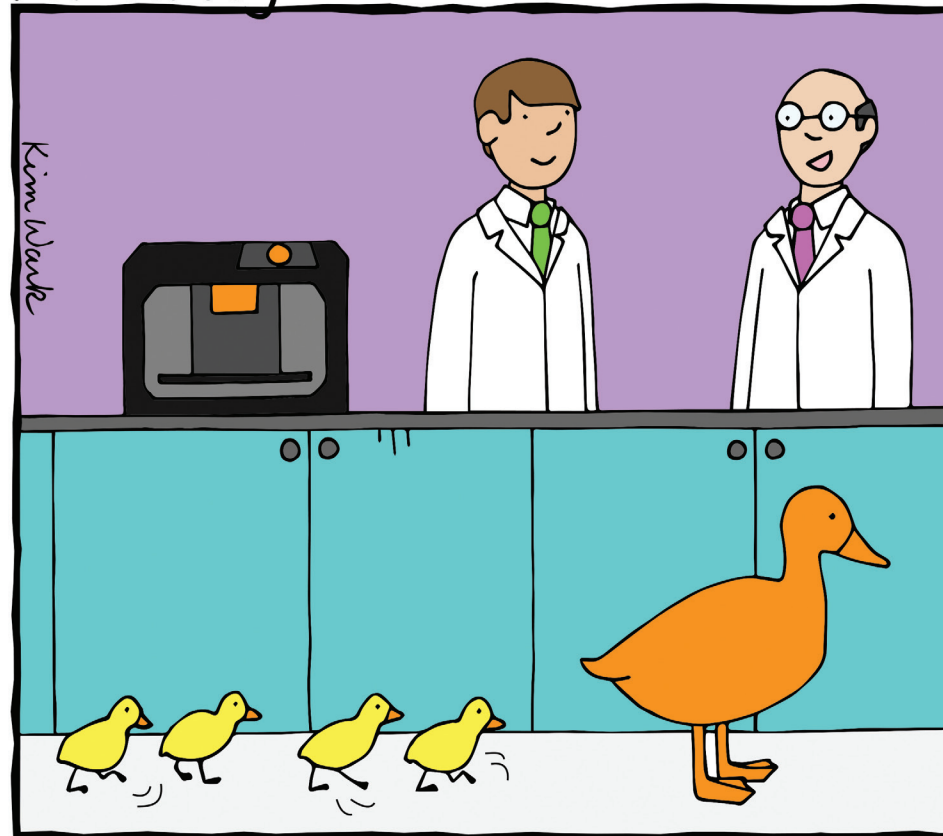
But details about how it would work were scant.

“We will have more to say about the process, and the timing, in the very near future,” Ford said.

Hopefully it turns out to be more than just populist rhetoric.

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Deer by moonlight

IF THE SONG TITLE “Deer by Moonlight” has not yet been copyrighted by some old, romantic crooner, allow me to introduce the concept. For I can think of nothing more beautiful or serene than the sight I witnessed last night at midnight when I looked out our picture window and saw a young deer silhouetted before an untouched landscape of trees, moonbeams and freshly fallen snow. It was truly magical.

That's one way of looking at it. The other way is to curse the darn animal for cleaning out a bird feeder I had just filled.

It was at that moment I realized I have been had.

Up till then, I thought I was moving toward being declared some sort of patron saint to our local bird population by feeding them in their darkest times. At the very least, I imagined winning a humanitarian award from the Audubon Society

or Cornell University for keeping so many birds well-fed through winter. The amount of bird seed I have bought this season seemed to be ample proof of that.

Until I saw that deer, I had wondered how those few little chickadees could pack so much away in so short a time and still keep so trim – which is why I have also been working on “The Chickadee Diet and Exercise Program” infomercial that I thought was going to make me millions. (Spoiler alert – it's basically flap your arms constantly, chirp, and eat all the birdseed you want.)

But, alas, it was this midnight raiding deer that was doing the damage all along.

This wouldn't bother me so much if not for the fact that the birdseed I am us-

ing does not even represent so much as a minor snack to a deer-sized animal – so it's hardly doing it any good and is in fact detrimental to the birds. Plus it costs \$7.99 a bag and my generosity toward wildlife only goes so far.

I guess I should have suspected the deer a couple of weeks ago when I started noticing its fresh tracks under the feeder each time I refilled it. But, gullible me, I thought the deer was just visiting to marvel at my compassionate efforts directed toward hungry winter birds. For the record, that's what happens when you are exposed to too much Bambi in your childhood.

What threw me off was that the chickadees, nuthatches and woodpeckers were still visiting the feeder during the day and, apparently, picking up all the seeds the deer could not eat. And now I know they were probably not as impressed with me as I thought.

The sad part is there is no way to clear up this misunderstanding since I am not very good at whistling. Unfortunately, this is the kind of thing that gets you a bad reputation with the local avian population. And, believe me, you definitely don't want to get on their bad side.

It's like being the person who gives out healthy snacks or apples at Halloween. I don't expect my house to get egged but birds can do some pretty nasty things to your car.

To avoid this, I'm going to have to resign myself to buying enough feed for birds by day and deer by night. That should keep everyone happy – at least until the @#! squirrels come along.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Digital age madness

IT WAS A LIFETIME ago, 1967 to be exact, when I sat listening to a lecturer at Columbia University in New York City.

The lecturer turned to the blackboard and drew a horizontal line. Above the line he drew a typewriter. Below the line he drew a newspaper press. Then he drew two lines connecting the typewriter and the press.

"That's the future," he told us. "No more paper and editing pencils. Your keystrokes go directly to the press then out to readers."

I rolled my eyes, smirked and walked across the street to Chock full o'Nuts to get a coffee and escape the fantasy world.

Six years later I sat in a newsroom and typed a story into a computer screen. No typewriter, no pencils, no paper. That future fantasy world had arrived.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Now, after more than 50 years of working almost every day on a computer connected to the internet I yearn to go back to typewriters, pencils and paper. The scams, the technical complications, the social media sewage and the bureaucratic nonsense of the digital age are overwhelming.

Some recent examples:

I open my Gas Buddy app to find the least expensive gasoline nearby. I notice for the first time a tab that says My Vehicle. I tap on it and discover that I own a 2018 Toyota.

Indeed I do. I bought the car a few months ago to replace the two aging vehicles in our household. But I didn't tell Gas Buddy that.

The only official sources of my new car information are the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, my vehicle insurance company, the dealership and my bank. Gas Buddy presumably got my vehicle information from one of those, which makes me very uncomfortable.

Then last week I had difficulty connecting a device to a WiFi printer. I called the printer company for help. The technician said he needed to take control of my personal computer to find the problem.

When the guy begins controlling my computer remotely he says it is running slowly and needs a tune-up, which he says he can provide.

I found that odd because only a few days earlier I had my computer into the shop where I bought it. I asked them to assess its condition and that, if necessary, I would buy a new one or at least get the old one updated. Despite the fact that they sell computers and service, the guy there tells me that my machine is fine just the way it is.

So I tell the guy at the printer company I don't need any computer upgrades and to just move along with the printer fix. He says OK and that he can start the fix for 70 USD.

I cut the connection, call back and talk to a supervisor, telling her to expect a call from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police fraud squad who I am about to call. Then I plunge into the frustrating online banking world to change my passwords in case the technician has grabbed that information from my computer.

Finally, I calm myself down, get focused and return to the printer connection problem.

It is truly amazing what the calm, focused mind can achieve. I find the problem on my own and fix it in 30 seconds of keystrokes. Then I sit back and think about how wonderful it would be to have a job that pays 70 USD for 30 seconds work.

Speaking of the RCMP I received a letter from them saying I must renew, for \$60, my firearms licence. The letter says I can do so quickly and easily by going to their website.

I go to their website and discover that I need to register for a GCKEY, whatever that might be. I need a GCKEY to access Enhanced IWS, whatever that is. Once I obtain a GCKEY then I should log into IWS through two levels of security.

So I shut off my computer, telephone the RCMP and ask them to send me a paper application. I have my own pencil, thank you.

Yes, the digital world has become overwhelming. I want out, but once in, there is no easy way out.

And, for all its frustrations there is no better place to produce a good rant.

Pain, pain go away

PAIN IS A SIGNAL that our body gives us when something is wrong. Physical pain is broken down into two types. Acute pain comes from some kind of trauma to the body such as a skinned knee or a broken bone. We know where it hurts and why. Acute pain goes away with the healing process.

Then there is chronic pain. It can be long lasting and persistent. It is frustrating because often the cause of the pain is nowhere near the area where the pain is felt. Some types of back pain are a good example of chronic pain. I have experienced this myself. In the past when my back "acted up" I would stop moving, ice the sore area and pop some pain relief pills. I would seek out medical attention if it went on too long. Inevitably my back would feel better but I would carry around the thought that I had a bad back and I had to be careful about my activities. I don't know about you, but I hate living in fear.

I've changed my approach to chronic pain. I've come to realize that movement is the best medicine. I believe that no one has the ability to know your body better than you do. Moving your body (safely) on a regular basis in as many different directions as it can go will give you the information you need to take care of it and/or assist health professionals cure you in less time. Information is a wonderful thing.

The average Canadian sits for 10 hours per day. That means we are experts in knowing how we feel while we're sitting. That is the problem. If you're sitting as you reading

this article, stand up right now. Take a moment to assess how you feel while you're standing. Do your feet hurt? How about your legs? Your back? Shoulders? Neck? Lift your arms up over your head. Pay attention to whether you can straighten your arms or not and how that feels. If you feel any tightness or discomfort in any of the movements you just did then doing these movements (carefully) regularly is exactly what you need to be doing.

Chronic pain is often caused by our bodies being out of alignment in some way. In the case of my "bad back" I now know that it comes on when the muscles in my legs and buttock become too tight. That tends to happen when I do a lot of

cycling and then spend too much time sitting around. It feels like the muscles seize up and restrict the natural movement in the rest of my body. Bending over to tie my shoes can cause a huge amount of pain if I'm not careful. To avoid this I've added many movements to my day such as squats, lunges and bear walks. My entire body is much happier as long as I continue to make those movements part of my daily routine.

Get yourself moving with the goal of ridding yourself of chronic pain. It is worth the investment of your time and energy.

Something to think about.

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LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

More arena talk

To the Editor,

With all due respect to Fay Martin, Anje Hilkers and others who agree with them, regarding the Minden arena, I would like to present my belief on the other side of the argument.

I live in Minden and I can see the arena and its parking lot from my window. I can see five to 40 cars in that lot from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on most days at most times. These cars belong to the parents of many young sons and daughters who are learning hockey skills, getting exercise and hopefully learning important life skills. These same parents get hours of enjoyment watching their kids play or practice.

Some of these cars belong to parents from out of town who come to watch scheduled games. Others belong to seniors, who come just because they like to watch good hockey. Still other cars belong to the parents of figure skaters, there to improve their moves. Many of these cars belong to a large number of adults, male and female,

who enjoy playing hockey themselves and are in various leagues for all ages. Or the cars belong to families who come for the enjoyment of public skating, when the rink is available.

I do not play hockey, I don't play pickleball, I wouldn't use a walking track or basketball court, but I do believe in the importance of physical activity for young and old. I support the Minden Hills council in their effort to make sure this town has a viable arena for many years to come. I believe our present arena has had a positive economic impact on our town for many years.

By the way, if there was a pool down the road from where I live, I would likely use it. But the figures seem to indicate that such a facility is not financially feasible for our township. I don't think a pool would bring as many people to town or get nearly the use, as the planned new arena. So, go for it, council. Get that arena rebuilt.

Jim Hicks
Minden Hills

Standoff not what it appeared

To the Editor,

Mr. Poling states ["Winter discontent, spring of joy?" *Minden Times*, Jan. 24] "The United States, weakened by cancerous degeneration of morality and democracy, has become a comedy sketch." Perhaps it has but part of the reason could be the manipulation of the truth for the sake of politics.

He goes on to talk of surveys of Millennials and Generation Z and that they will be future leaders. He then states "Yes there are dullards and

airheads among them" and suggests that you look up the video of the Covington Kentucky Catholic High School students, wearing red Trump hats for proof of his attack on them. Clearly the MAGA phrase is a trigger for the writer. I guess you are allowed to promote your political views as long they are the "correct" views.

It became apparent the day after the boys were accused of abusing a native elder and others that there just may be some cracks in the social media

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HHHS receives fraction of requested grants

by JENN WATT
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 24 meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

HHHS continues to work to reduce its deficit, finance committee chair David Gray told the board. Statements to the end of November show a \$78,000 loss, which is “a \$56,000 improvement over the \$134,000 loss that was there at the end of September,” he said.

The board has committed to coming to a balanced position by the end of the fiscal year.

Gray said it was difficult to plan because of changes that could be coming for the Local Health Integration Networks, the regulatory bodies set up by the previous Liberal provincial government. Recent media reports have indicated the province is considering doing away with the LHINs, replacing them with a so-called “super agency.”

Gray said the HHHS finance committee didn’t know “what the rules of the game are, whether we will have LHINs or even what our funding is or will be.”

Regardless of what happens to the LHINs, Gray said there was other financial uncertainty. Very little of the requested funding from the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund Exceptional Circumstances Program was granted.

“In late November we received notification that only \$33,000 of our submitted projects of \$393,000 were approved, in other words, approximately eight per cent. We have a very major project that’s going to require taking place in this particular fiscal year, the well remediation project here in Haliburton,” he said.

The well remediation was mandated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, so it must proceed whether external sources of funding are available or not.

HHHS offers condolences following Dr. Al-Beer’s death

CEO Carolyn Plummer gave her condolences to friends and family of orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Ali Al-Beer, who died in

a car accident on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Dr. Al-Beer worked at Ross Memorial Hospital and treated many patients from HHHS. He was 49.

“The community down at the Ross is reeling and their extended community including our community here in Haliburton is reeling. He was a well known physician in the region and many people from this community have been referred to him. I know our physician group has worked very closely with him and so certainly it’s going to be a loss to the medical community and a loss to the health system in our region in particular,” she said.

Dr. Kristy Gammon, HHHS chief of staff, answered questions about what would happen to his patients. She said didn’t know how RMH would be dealing with his patients. For HHHS, referrals will be redirected to other doctors.

Dr. Gammon said she had spoken to Dr. Al-Beer many times and echoed Plummer’s condolences on behalf of the medical advisory committee.

“I had the pleasure of talking to him on many occasions. My patients loved him. He was a respected, excellent clinician and [his death] is a real loss to the medical community,” she said.

Doctor shortage continues

Dr. Gammon told the board that an already stressed Haliburton emergency department would be going with less in coming months.

She said by the end of March there would be 2.5 full-time equivalent physicians and by the end of May, two full-time equivalents. Normally, the emergency department in Haliburton would need five to six.

“Reliance on Health Force Ontario emergency department locum program is not an ideal long-term, but necessary ongoing short-term solution to our staffing here in Haliburton. Recruitment efforts haven’t been successful to date, but we continue to work with our regional partners, the county and Health Force Ontario on this crucial issue,” she said.

Dr. Gammon had heard the county would be working toward hiring a physician recruiter and thanked them for their support.

Staff leadership changes

Many changes within the organization were acknowledged

at the meeting including Dr. Greg Karaguesian’s retirement from emergency medicine at the end of March. He is the physician lead at the Haliburton emergency department.

Dave Jarvis, director of community mental health services, will be retiring in February. He has worked for 17 years with the mental health team, Plummer said. An open house at HHHS Mental Health Services in Minden is being held Thursday, Jan. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Kris Baird, director of human resources, has left for another hospital and completed her time at HHHS on Jan. 3.

Dr. Kristy Gammon announced that she would soon be taking a sabbatical and the board thanked her for her leadership as chief of staff. While she is away, Dr. Keith Hay will be the interim chief of staff.

Maureen Charlebois was welcomed as the new integrated chief information officer, to work for both HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital. Bruce Pye, who had been the shared regional CIO will continue working for the hospital in an advisory capacity along with working for other hospitals in the region.

Plummer also welcomed Dr. Diane Duff as the new VP clinical services and chief nurse executive.

Jumping to conclusions

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stories that caused many to jump to the conclusion that the boys were the perpetrators of the hate that went on in Washington, D.C that day. By late Sunday it became abundantly clear that the boys were not the perpetrators but the victims in this ugly mess. Additional videos proved the original story reporting of this story were false.

Understanding editorial deadlines one would have to expected Mr. Poling could have corrected his story prior to going to print. He apparently chose not to do so leading one to assume he simply wanted to further denigrate the president.

I would think if you want to cast stones from Shaman’s Rock that accuracy just might be important.

Murray Adam
Algonquin Highlands



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County considers hiring physician recruiter

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

During upcoming budget deliberations, Haliburton County councillors will decide whether the county should hire a new staff person dedicated to the recruitment of physicians, as well as economic development.

During a Jan. 23 meeting, councillors received a report from chief administrative officer Mike Rutter regarding physician recruitment. There is an ongoing shortage of family and ER physicians in Haliburton County. According to Rutter's report, it is estimated the county currently requires two physicians, and will require one to two new physicians every two to three years, as local doctors retire.

A number of other communities in Ontario offer incoming physicians large financial incentives.

Others, such as the City of Kawartha Lakes, have a staff person dedicated to physician recruitment.

"We're competing against other communities that have a dedicated resource doing this," Rutter told councillors.

At one time, the county had a medical professional recruitment committee, but that committee was disbanded in 2016, essentially because it had proven ineffective. As Rutter's report indicated, most of the successful recruitments the county has had have been resident doctors and locums who've spent time in the community.

"I do feel as though the county has been dipping its toe in the pool of physician recruitment," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding she was supportive of the idea.

"I'm hearing now over and over again that people are having a challenge getting a doctor,"

said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he supported a change in the approach to physician recruitment.

"From my personal perspective, in terms of recruitment of GPs in Minden, it's failing," Devolin said.

Minden has one family doctor.

There was some disagreement among councillors as to whether a physician recruiter should be a standalone role, or married with the function of an economic development officer.

At one time, the county's tourism department included both tourism promotion and economic development, but in 2013, the county council of the day decided to concentrate on tourism and leave economic development activities to the lower-tier townships.

Rutter suggested bringing economic development back under the county roof, but noted this did not mean taking economic development responsibilities away from the lower tiers.

"It really needs to be happening in both places," he said. "One supports the other."

"I would be supportive of that role being brought back to the county," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts.

Some councillors, though, didn't see physician recruitment and economic development as something that should be merged into one staff position.

"Those are separate issues to me," Devolin said.

Ultimately, council decided they would include \$75,000 for a joint physician recruiter/economic development officer in the 2019 draft budget for consideration during upcoming budget deliberations.

Vaccination rate highest at Minden's HHHS site

by JENN WATT
Editor

The Minden site of Haliburton Highlands Health Services won bragging rights this year for having the highest percentage of its staff vaccinated for the flu from among the five hospitals in the region covered by the health unit.

More than 81 per cent of the staff at the Minden site were vaccinated, up 14.6 per cent from last year.

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS CEO, said she was proud of the results in Minden.

"It is wonderful to see so many people taking this important step to protect themselves, their patients and their families," she said in an email to the *Minden Times*.

HHHS uses several mechanisms to promote vaccination to staff, Plummer said, including putting up information posters and sending out multiple emails. The occupational health nurse also goes to the health care facilities during flu shot season.

"She has a mobile cart that she takes around to all areas so that all staff have the opportuni-

ty to receive their flu shot at work," Plummer said.

Staff who choose not to get the shot are encouraged to wear a mask during flu season.

"If a flu outbreak occurs, these staff members are given a choice of taking an antiviral medication or staying home without pay during the period of the outbreak," Plummer said.

The Haliburton site saw a decrease in vaccinations this year dropping from 70.8 per cent in 2017 to 66.7 per cent in 2018.

Plummer said the numbers are likely higher than those reported by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, as they reflect rates between October and Dec. 15.

"Our final tally won't be available for another month or so," she said. "I hope that the recent media coverage regarding the effectiveness of this year's flu shot will encourage more staff to receive the vaccine," she said.

Minden's hospital will be receiving a framed certificate to recognize their achievement.



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Land trust concerned about proposed snowmobile trail

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has concerns about a snowmobile trail the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is proposing along an unopened township-owned road allowance in Minden Hills, a road allowance that abuts one of the land trust's properties.

In November, a public meeting in Minden Hills council chambers drew a number of residents concerned about snowmobile trails the association was proposing on four unopened road allowances. Ultimately, council approved the use of one, and deferred discussion on the other three until further information was received from the association addressing residents' concerns, which included issues of trespassing, liability, noise, etc.

Land trust chairwoman Mary Lou Gerstl and Sheila Ziman, secretary for and a founding member of the land trust, visited Minden Hills councillors during their Jan. 24 meeting. One of the proposed trails would use a 0.4-kilometre road allowance in the former Snowdon township between the hydro corridor and Kendrick Creek Lane, this road allowance running along the northern border of the Fred and Pearl Barry Wetland Reserve, one of the properties owned by the land trust.

"The land trust has a responsibility to protect all our properties," Ziman told councillors, explaining that responsibility is governed by a series of laws. "If we don't protect that property . . . the land trust is subject to a fine of 50 per cent

of the assessed value of that property. So this is a very serious situation for us."

Among the trust's concerns are that the wetland is hibernation habitat for the Blanding's turtle, a threatened species. While a full ecological assessment of the property has not been performed, "it would qualify as a provincially significant wetland because the Blanding's turtle has been found on the property," Ziman said.

She went on to note that the Minden Hills official plan contains a section that indicates development shall not be permitted in an area that is a significant habitat area for a threatened or endangered species.

"This is a violation of your official plan," Ziman said.

Also of issue to the land trust is a plan to use gravel fill in the construction of a trail, which Ziman said would amount to loss of wetland and contended would also violate the township's official plan. Another concern would be the proposed installation of four culverts which Ziman said would alter the flow of water on the property, and another was potential trespassing by snowmobiles on the land trust property, where motorized vehicles are not permitted.

"We have no objection to the trail itself, but rather where it is put, and how it is built," Ziman said.

"We hope there can be a solution that fits all parties involved," Gerstl told councillors.

Mayor Brent Devolin thanked Gerstl and Ziman for their presentation, and indicated that council is taking all concerns into account.

"We're not in a hurry, we're going to do this right," Devolin said.

Land trust receives \$10,000 donation

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust announced on the weekend it had received \$10,000 from the Coral and Bill Martin Family Foundation. The money will go to the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

The land trust said the donation comes "when revenue from grants and fundraising is becoming more and more difficult to attract" and will allow them to start doing the work to open the new nature reserve to the public.

"On behalf of the board of [land trust], and all of the residents of Haliburton County, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the Coral and Bill Martin Family Foundation for their generous donation. It will last a lifetime in partnership with the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve," a statement from the land trust said.

- Staff

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[The donation] will last a lifetime in partnership with the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve

— STATEMENT FROM THE LAND TRUST

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County's young curlers rock out

Top left, all 32 youth curlers from the Haliburton Curling Club and the Minden Curling Clubs came together for a group photo at the conclusion of the Haliburton Youth Bonspiel on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Haliburton Curling Club. There were eight rinks, four from the Haliburton Club and four from the Minden Club, who competed in this event, which focused on skill development and fun. The rinks played two six-end games.

Top right, Minden Curling Club youth curlers Owen Whitteker, left, and Lincoln Aleksander sweep a rock, sliding to the house.

Right, Minden Curling Club youth curlers Dalton Fahey, from left, (Cole Hamilton at back, obscured) and Taya Tomlinson keep a close eye on the house, ready to sweep.

/DARREN LUM Staff



Churches unite with bonspiel

The 17th annual United Church Community Bonspiel took place at the Minden Curling Club on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 1 p.m. This is a very popular event, but this year's was extra special following the 2018 amalgamation of Minden United Church and Zion United Church into the new Highland Hills United Church located in the Minden Church building.

Again this year Eric and Jaklin Casper organized the spiel along with some fun off-ice curler and spectator competitions. The potluck dinner was organized smoothly and efficiently by Andy and Charlene Cooper with the help of a gang of workers. Each family of curlers or spectators contributed to the meal and each curler brought a wrapped gift for the prize table.

The curlers and audience of spectators came from every church in Minden as well as from the communities from Minden all the way up to Haliburton.

The curling portion of the event was a fun format and consisted of 48 curlers of all ages, including some who had never curled before, being assigned to eight teams of six curlers by Eric, each team identified spectacularly by wearing its appointed colour of clothing.

Two four-end games determined the winners of the Spencely Trophy which was won by the "White Team" (who also won the off-ice competitions) consisting of Betty Goard, Barb Braker, Shawn Chevalier, Paul Heffer, Jane Symons and Wes Lytle. Second place was taken by the "Green Team" consisting of Mike Cusato, Gord Sheehan, Sandy Bell, Jan Heaven and Dave McKay.

Rev. Max Ward and his two daughters Lily and Emily curled, while his young son Thomas cheered them on hoping he could join the curling next year. Lots of advice was offered by the gallery as well as some reminders of how to play!

After the two games, 75 hungry curlers and spectators sat down to the potluck dinner. As is expected at a Church event, the food was very good and plentiful, and the camaraderie strong.

Then the winning team was announced and was presented with the Spencely trophy and the first pick of the prize table that contained unknown wrapped prizes, followed by each of the other teams who also picked from the prize table.

Congratulations to all the contestants and to the organizers who breathed new life into this event and ensured that it will continue for another 17 years.

Many thanks to all those who attended! You made the day a great success!

Submitted by Don Ballantyne



The Spencely trophy was won by the "White Team," which consisted of Betty Goard, Barb Braker, Shawn Chevalier, Paul Heffer, Jane Symons, and Wes Lytle.



The "Green Team" took second place. The team consisted of Mike Cusato, Gord Sheehan, Sandy Bell, Jan Heaven and Dave McKay. /Photos submitted

Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Jan. 21

High Average (cumulative)		
Women	Chris Cote	178
Men	Gary Hunt	203

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single	Norma Terro	220
High Single Hcp	Norma Terro	281
High Triple	Chris Cote	544
High Triple Hcp	Ren Higgins	676

This Week's Highs – Men

High Single	Ken Thompson	270
High Single Hcp	Ken Thompson	293
High Triple	Ken Thompson	686
High Triple Hcp	Ken Thompson	755

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 22

Men		
High Average	Claude Cote	204
High Single	Claude Cote	218
High Single H/C	Bruce Shephard	277
High Triple	Bruce Shephard	611
High Triple H/C	Bruce Shephard	797

Women		
High Average	Chris Cote	184
High Single	Chris Cote	236
High Single H/C	Lynda Weir	277
High Triple	Chris Cote	625
High Triple H/C	Chris Cote	727



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Midgets

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Storm Midgets move onto the second round of playoffs by winning Game 5 against the Shelburne Wolves, Sunday, Jan. 27. It was a tough start for the Midgets, losing the first two games against the Wolves. However, when it was time to raise the bar, the Midgets did exactly what was needed to win the next three games straight. The Storm Midgets came out strong to a filled Haliburton arena, Saturday, Jan. 26, down 2-1 in the series. It was their game from the puck drop and they demolished the Shelburne Wolves 6-0.

They stayed consistent with two goals each period and shut out the Wolves from their zone. Smith got things going in the first with a hard drive to the net and a quick top corner goal. Assisted by Vasey and Walker. Next, team captain, Walker started the rush, he skillfully manoeuvred through the defence and fired in the second goal. Another couple of goals in second period by Haedicke and Clements, then it was MacNaull and Clements again, in the third period. The Wolves were baffled by the Storm and Sisson nabbed a well-earned shutout win.

Game 5 was a do or die game for both teams and they came out flying in the scoreless first period. Late in the second period, Clements rushed to the net and blasted a shot, Morissette was right behind to pick up the rebound for the Storm's first goal. That goal boosted the Storm into action. Minutes later, MacNaull drove hard to the net for a shot, Davies picked up that rebound for the second goal. The third period was full of aggressive end to end ac-

tion. The Storm team did well keeping the Wolves out. Late in the game, Robinson stole the puck, got a breakaway and capitalized with a goal. With just a few minutes left in the game, the Storm team sealed the series with another goal. While dominating the play in the Wolves zone, Walker ripped a shot and Gilbert is there to put it away. The Wolves got lucky with a minute on the clock and made it a 4-1 final. A well deserved 3-2 series win for the Storm Midgets. They now move onto the second round of playoffs against the Stayner Cyclones.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Bantam

The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Highland Storm Bantam team were granted a bye through the first round of playoffs. They started in the quarter-finals this past weekend taking on the Shelburne Wolves. They travelled to Shelburne on Saturday, Jan. 26 for their first game. Goals were scored this weekend by Mathias Lee and Gage Hutchinson with assists going to Evan Armstrong, Kolby McGovern, Kyan Hall and Jackson Wilson. Unfortunately the Storm were unable to defeat the Wolves with the final score of 7-2. The Bantams will be back at it next weekend for Game 2 of the series on Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton, be sure to come and cheer them on!

By Monica Keefer

Peewee A

On Jan. 26, JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre

Highland Storm Peewee A travelled to Oshawa to play Game 3 of the MPS playoffs against the Durham Crusaders. The Highland Storm Peewee A played hard but the game ended in 2-1 loss. The goal was scored by Austin Boylan.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, Highland Storm Peewee A hosted the Durham Crusaders for Game 4 of the MPS playoffs.

The first period started with a beautiful goal by Mak Prentice. It was a 1-0 hockey game going into the second. To start the second Cheyenne Degeer came off the bench and got the puck and took her shot right in the net! Then Addison St Cyr got the puck, brought it down, he shoots, he scores. Next there was a scramble and Austin Boylan tossed the puck in the net. It was 4-0 going into the third. To start the third there was a scramble at the net, the puck got out and Prentice took advantage, he shot the puck and scored his second goal of the game.

The game's final score was a 5-0 win and a playoff shutout for Ethan Dobson!

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A play their fifth MPS playoff game at on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

By Amber Card

Atom

Another cold January weekend was full of exciting playoff hockey for the Ridgewood Ford and Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom Rep team as they played two more games versus the ever challenging Durham Crusaders. With the series tied at two games apiece they drove south to Oshawa for Game 3. The Storm looked to gain a series lead on the Crusaders and would do so in style with a consistently defensive mindset seen through-

out the game. Shy of a few rushes that made their way into their end the Storm managed to choke up the neutral zone and eliminate countless threats from their opponent.

The Storm opened the scoring in the first period with a Jace Mills solo effort which was an important goal to set the tone. The second period started off with another Mills goal supported by Owen Sisson who was happy to get the assist. Managing to keep the Crusaders off the board was at times no simple task however Storm net minder and young veteran to this game Chase Winder put on a virtual clinic earning the praise of the opposing team as well. On a rare breakaway shot he kicked out his left pad and sent the puck into the corner as the crowd went wild. To add to the excitement Austin Latanville popped in another helper after following up one of Parker Simms' many rushes that resulted in an easy rebound in front. The Storm headed home with a 3-0 win and a series lead in hand.

Sunday afternoon couldn't come soon enough as they hit the ice for a 2 p.m. start. Proving to be a worthy opponent the Crusaders came to play with purpose and a determination to avoid defeat. The first period remained scoreless despite multiple chances at both ends of the ice. The Storm refused to quit on pucks around the Durham net and with both McLean Rowden and Josh Scheffee causing chaos in front, young Deegan Davison managed to chip the puck over the minder's pad to open the scoring. Looking for some insurance Austin Latanville buried one assisted by Scheffee to get the score up 2-0. The Crusaders merely managed one goal in an effort to forge their way back into the series however it was too little too late as our fiery goalie once again looked sharp and worthy of a highlight reel. The Storm Atoms thank you for all of the sup-

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When: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2 to 5 p.m.

Where Minden Legion

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When: Four Thursdays only (Feb 7, 14, 21, 28) ... so don't miss it!

Where: At SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria Street. info@sirch.on.ca www.sirch.on.ca available 12 to 2 p.m.

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When: Monday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Barnum Creek Nature Reserve (carpooling from Haliburton)

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When: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Polar Bear Challenge

When: Saturday Feb. 16

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Haliburton: Food Handler Course

When: Tuesday, Febr. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.

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Minor Hockey

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port as they head into their second round of play against an opponent who is yet to be determined.

By Pasi Posti

Novice

In Game 3 of the first round of playoffs, the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice Rep Team travelled to Wasaga Beach to battle the Stars. The Storm came out strong in the first period with Henry Neilson putting in two goals. The Stars reciprocated with a point before the end of the period. There was intense action in the second period but no goals were scored. Evan Perrott took another point for the Storm before the end of the game, resulting in a 3-1 victory for the Storm. Isaac Trotter did a commendable job puck handling and penalty killing.

On Sunday, Wasaga Beach met the Novices at the A.J. LaRue Arena for Game 4. The Stars put in two goals in the first period then Isaac Trotter snuck one in during the second period after some scrambling in front of the net. Evan Perrott tied the score early in the third period but the Stars retaliated with two more goals, taking a two goal lead. The Storm wasn't done fighting, and Luke Gruppe fired in the third goal for the Storm. With 30 seconds left in the third, the team pulled the goalie and Evan Perrott put in a goal to tie the game. The crowd went wild with excitement. The game went into a 10-minute, sudden-death overtime. Halfway through the fourth, Max Rupnow launched one in for the Storm, winning the game 5-4, and the first round of the playoffs. Goalie, Carter Braun made wicked saves throughout the weekend. Great hockey, Novices!

Good luck to the Novices in their second round of the play-offs against the Shelburne Wolves.

By Sara Gruppe

Atom LL

The Atom Local League TD Canada Trust season is almost coming to an end with only two games left. The Atoms took on the South Muskoka team in Bracebridge this past weekend.

During the first period South Muskoka were proving they will never give up which resulted in two goals but with another day of persistent power skating Logan Reid was able to battle the puck off the boards and take a nice wrist shot from the hash marks and score top shelf.

During the second period South Muskoka were able to find the back of the net twice.

For the third period South Muskoka was able to sink another but with the TD's never giving up Logan Burke's new rounded skills and persistent digging was able to take the puck away from three forwards and send a beautiful pass up to Ethan Rowe and he was able to show South Muskoka his stick handling skills and speed and deked out their goalie to score his second of the season. With multiple misfortunes with bad bounces of the puck South Muskoka found the win. The next game is hosted in Haliburton against Huntsville.

By Chris McMartin

Peewee LL

On Jan. 26, the LL Peewee Home Hardware team travelled

to Gravenhurst to play against Parry Sound. Parry Sound came out strong scoring three goals against Storm in the first period. Storm shut them down in the second period only allowing Parry Sound to get one goal in the final minute. Parry Sound started the third with a couple quick goals but Storm was about to go out without a fight and at four-minute mark #9 Alex Hendry put Storm's on the board assisted by Daniel Stephen, Parry Sound scored another before Storm's Emery Bagshaw scored an exciting goal assisted by Hendry with one minute left of the game! Final score 7-2 Parry Sound. The Storm's Home Hardware Peewee team will travel to Gravenhurst for a rematch at 1 p.m.

By Marita Bagshaw

Midget LL

The Highland Storm Pharmsave LL Midgets participated in a one day tournament Saturday. Game 1 was against the Mariposa Lightning. The game was very close throughout with good action at both ends. Storm goalie Nate Miscio pulled off some excellent saves and defenceman Danaya MacDuff made solid plays to keep the Storm in the running. The Lightning won 3-2 on a late third period goal. Storm goals were by Tim Turner and Brenden Newhook. Game 2 was against the Kawartha Coyotes. The Coyotes charged right from the opening faceoff and were in a commanding 4-0 lead before the game even reached the halfway mark of the period. The Coyotes continued to press throughout the second period taking a 7-2 lead into the final frame. Both Storm goals were by Sam Hoenow. Kawartha went on to win 8-2. Next were the Coldwater Wildcats. The Wildcats scored first putting the puck between the pads of Miscio. Miscio made a great save early in the second on a hard Wildcats shot and on the subsequent rebound. The Wildcats went up by a couple after pinning the Storm in their own end for an extended time. The Storm had a very impressive power play at the end of the period but were unable to find the back of the net and were going to have to dig deep in the third period. The Wildcats held their ground however on their way to a 2-0 win over the Highland Storm.

On Sunday, the team headed north for a game against the Almaguin Ice Devils. The first period was evenly matched with entertaining hockey by both teams. The Storm took the opening lead on a Paul Turner breakaway goal. In the second period Turner laid up a beautiful saucer pass to Brenden Newhook to send him in one on one against the Devil goalie. Newhook made no mistake putting the puck into the top corner and giving the Storm a 2-0 lead. Brother Tim Turner wanted part of the action as well scoring on a low slapshot to put the locals up by three. Almaguin broke Miscio's shutout bid late in the third but a couple of late Storm goals by Sam Hoenow had the Storm cruise to a convincing 5-2 victory.

By Gord Hoenow

Atom LL

On Saturday the GJ Burtch LL Atom 1 team hosted Huntsville's Lake of Bays Plumbing, the league's top team. The Storm accepted this tough task, put on their work boots and got to work. The Storm's hard work paid off when Taylor Mulock buried the puck in the second period tying the game at one, assisted by Eric Mueller and Isaac Borgdorff. The Storm would take the lead to start the third period on a great individual effort by Jacob Mantle. Minutes later Huntsville would score tying the game back up at 2's. It was a nail biter to the finish but the Storm's goaltender Jacob Lloyd-Gottinger stood his ground making numerous spectacular saves earning himself the hard hat and his team a hard fought tie. 2-2 final.

On Sunday the Storm was right back at it, hosting Parry Sound's Marshall Black Carpentry, back at the S.G Nesbitt arena in Minden. It took only 18 seconds for the Storm's Taylor Mulock (1G, 2A) to find the back of the net. It was clear that on this day the Storm had come to play together as a team. Sadie Evans-Fockler (1A) blocking's shots with her feet, Jacob Davis (2A) diving to chip the puck out of our zone. Every member of the Storm would register at least one point. Brody Hartwig (2G, 1A), Jacob Mantle (2A), Zach Prentice (1A), Isaac Borgdorff (2G, 1A), Olivia Gruppe (3A). Eric Mueller (2G, 1A). Layne Robinson earned himself the hard hat getting his first goal of the season as well as two assists on the day. Final 8-4 win.

Next up the GJ Burtch LL Atoms travel to Huntsville Feb. 2, to face McDonald's LL Atoms.

By Jamie Lloyd

Due to space constraints, we could not fit all hockey briefs in this week. We will run the additional briefs online and in next week's Times.

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The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will be discussing the 2019 budget on the following dates:

- Friday, February 8, 2019,
- Monday, February 25, 2019 and
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Passed away peacefully in his 73rd year on January 16, 2019 at Ross Memorial Hospital.

Beloved husband of Elisabeth Soltermann, father to Bill Arteau and Ashley Durrant, Paul Arteau, and their mother Leslie Arteau, step-daughter Maria and Bruce Gilchrist, grandsons; Philip, Kurtis and Jace, brother Paul and sister Diane, his beloved Aunt Cecilia and Uncle Charlie, cousins; Kristina, Stuart and Matt Anderson, Mike, Gail and Tim Jones.

Roger enjoyed meeting with his clients of many years, at his accounting business.

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Gilmour, John Travers (Jack)
Passed away after a brief illness on January 25, 2019 in his 84th year.

Beloved friend and husband of Ruth (née Garrett). Loving dad to Richard (Kristen), Alison (Gary) and Doug (Erin). Adoring Poppa to Bryn, Kyla, Raegan, Lianne, Griffin, Mark, Travers and Garrett. He will be missed by his brother-in-law, Murray (Jane), and his nieces and nephews.

Jack became a dentist in 1960 and after two years in public health he started his own dental practice in Whitby, Ontario. For 37 years he provided kind, patient-centred care to hundreds of families. In retirement he and Ruth moved to Minden, Ontario where he enjoyed many hours with his grandchildren on Boshkung Lake. He had a phenomenal garden and enjoyed reading, playing bridge and debating politics. His family is heartbroken at their loss.

A service will take place on Tuesday January 29th, 2019 at 2:00 pm at Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive, North York. Visitation prior to service at 1:00 pm with a reception immediately following the service. Donations to Canadian Cancer Society, Salvation Army Canada or the charity of your choice.



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In Loving Memory of
JOHNSON, Larry W
Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) on Thursday, January 24, 2019 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 76.

Larry is predeceased by his parents John and Edith. Loving husband of 45 years to Dianna, loving father to Dave, Debbie and Everton, Pam and Andrei, Jim, Paul and Sarah. Cherished Grandpa to Dianna, Sara, Larry (deceased), TJ and Kymani, and Bonka to Andrew. Grandpa-Grandpa to Shaneil and Lucas. Dear brother to Leonard and Shirley, Darlene (deceased), Vicky and Rob. Uncle to many neices and nephews.

Friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 2 pm. A celebration of Larry's life will be held at the Haliburton Legion at 4 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the PRHC would be appreciated by the family.

The family would like to thank the staff at the PRHC ICU for their dedication, compassion, and the gift of hope.



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In Loving Memory of
Dr. William Bradnee Bate Chambers
Bradnee became Executive Secretary of CMS in 2013 and led the Convention through the Conferences of the Parties in Quito in 2014 (COP11) and Manila in 2017 (COP12).

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at the age of 52.

Beloved husband of the late Elisa. Loving father of Ena of Germany. Dear son of Joan and the late James Chambers. Dear brother of Dan and Linda of Burlington, Tim and Janice of Carnarvon, Ginger and Bill of Minden, Frank and Shelley of Algonquin Highlands, Jeff and Cathy of Windsor. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Bradnee's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon.

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Assistance sought from Ministry of Health

Underserviced area request endorsed

by Jerry Grozelle

The municipality will seek the help of the Ministry of Health in attempting to resolve the shortage of doctors in Minden.

Anson, Hindon and Minden council passed a resolution asking the Ministry of Health to designate the municipality an "Underserviced Area".

The Underserviced Area Program is administered by the Ministry of Health to provide financial incentives to recruit health care professionals to practise in areas of Ontario designated as underserviced.

Council considers this area underserviced since St. Joseph's Hospital has deemed it necessary to close the emergency services administered from the Minden Hospital, for a total of 40 hours per week, because there is a lack of doctors to provide on-call emergency services.

Council, and the community are making every effort to entice physicians to the area.

In its resolution, council pointed out that the Minden Hospital provides health care for a tourist area with numerous municipalities, from various counties. It was also emphasized that: "From the months of May to October, the influx of summer residents increases the population serviced by the Minden Hospital by

thousands, thereby creating an even greater need for immediate restored emergency services and further intensifies the severe impact of this situation, that resulted from a lack of physicians."

Copies of the resolution are being sent to Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson and to the St. Joseph's Hospital Board or their support.

Development approved

Council passed a resolution agreeing in principle to a site plan submitted by Mark Coles regarding proposed development associated with the purchase of the Ogopogo Lodge property on Mountain Lake.

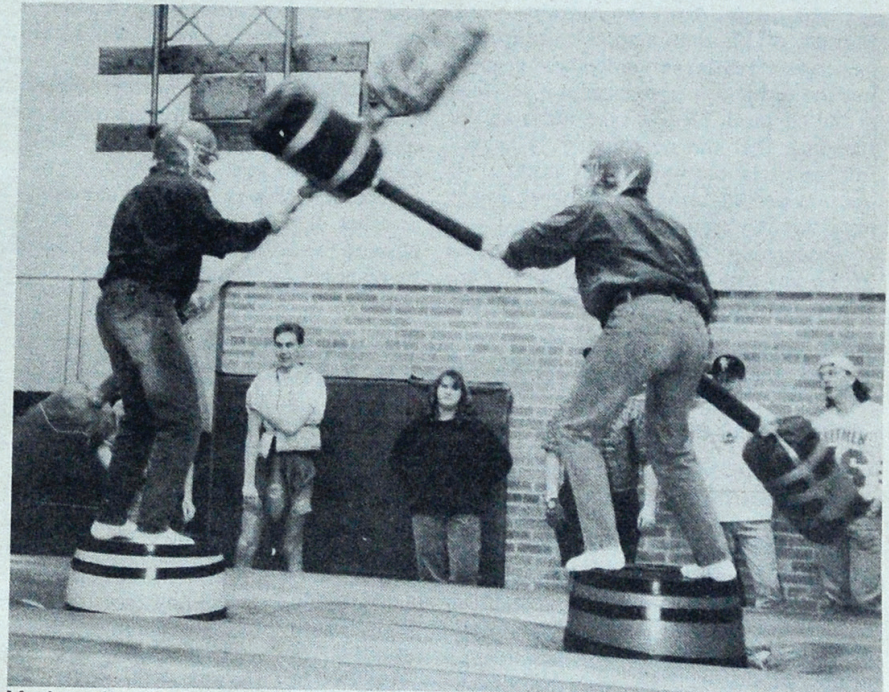
Council inspected the site plan at last Thursday's meeting.

"I'm pleased to see that the septic system has been moved to the back of the property, away from the lake," said reeve Jeanne Anthon.

Agreement in principle was granted on the conditions that parking be upgraded to municipal standards, that a site plan agreement is entered into with the purchaser, and that final health approval is obtained.

During council's discussions it was agreed that two other provisions: namely, that the two existing cabins be relocated to meet municipal setback specifications; and that planning fees be

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Modern-day gladiators battle it out with what one observer described as over-sized Q-Tips, during HHSS spirit week activities. For a report on the fun and games at the high school, see page 19. (Photo by Misty Bennett)

Number of boards studied

by Andrew Milne

Minister of Education and Training Dave Cooke announced February 23 that the number of boards of education in Ontario would be reduced by 40 to 50 percent.

But it is unclear at this point whether this will affect the Haliburton board.

In the same announcement, Cooke announced initiatives apparently aimed at controlling administrative costs

within boards, and at decreasing the number of trustees.

The administrative officers of the Haliburton board, along with administrative officers from across the province met with Cooke the same day to discuss the plan. Director of education Brad Saunders, superintendent of business Jim Bradley, and superintendent of education Dale Robinson returned from To-

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Happy with Highlands Hospitality

by Carol Moffatt



Happy to say Hello or Howdy in the Haliburton Highlands, participants in the Women on Snow weekend form a giant H with their machines before heading out for the first day's trail ride. The Hospitality shown during the weekend quickly convinced more than 100 to pre-register for next year's event.

They came, they rode, and they raised more than \$14,000 for Easter Seals. The first visit of Women on Snow roared into the Highlands last weekend (Feb. 17, 18, 19) and, from all accounts, was a resounding success.

Sixty-three year old Marie McDonald was one of the oldest riders last weekend. Hailing from the Ottawa Valley area, McDonald was riding with her longtime sledding partner Elda Cook, 63, and her daughter-in-law Kim, 37.

"They fussed over us all week. When I left, my husband only said to have fun and check the oil," said McDonald, the elder, with a laugh.

"My husband was so relaxed he left to go fishing, so I got a couple of goodlooking young guys in my neighbourhood to load my sled for me," added Cook, with a wink.

For them, the weekend in Haliburton was well worth the visit.

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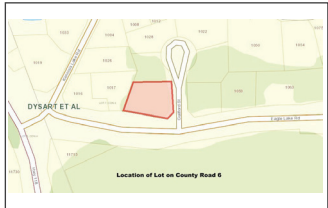
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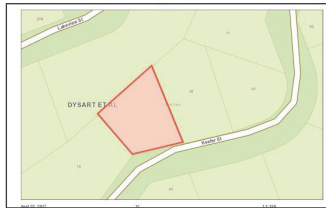
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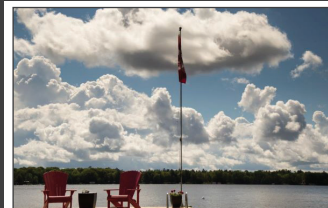
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